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# *'Fight For Freedom'* *Celebration*

**Wednesday, June 26, 1957 — 8:00 P.M.**



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**Russ Auditorium**

**12th & Russ  
San Diego, California**

**Biographical Sketch of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a product of the Atlanta University High School and the Booker T. Washington High School of Atlanta. He entered Morehouse College in 1944 as a Freshman receiving the B.A. Degree from that institution in 1948. After graduation from Morehouse, Dr. King entered Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania, where he graduated at the head of his class in 1951. While at Crozer, he served as president of the student body and upon graduating, he received the coveted Pearl Plafkner Award for being the "most outstanding student" in his class during his three-year course of study at the Seminary. He also received the J. Louis Crozer Fellowship, which gave him the opportunity to work toward the Ph.D. degree at the University of his choice. On June 5, 1955, Dr. King was awarded the Ph.D. degree by Boston University in the field of systematic theology.

Dr. King has also done work at the University of Pennsylvania, where he took courses in the Department of Philosophy while enrolled at Crozer, and at Harvard University where he was enrolled for two years as a special student in the Department of Philosophy.

At present, Dr. King is pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama. He is the son of Dr. M. L. King Sr., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta. He is president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the organization which has guided and directed the bus protest in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. King has received more than 40 awards for his leadership in the Montgomery Movement. Recently a Gallop Poll revealed that he is one of the most admired religious leaders of the world. Time Magazine has selected him as one of the 10 most outstanding personalities of the year.

***Program***

Rev. E. Major Shavers, Presiding  
President Southeast Ministerial Alliance

**National Anthem**

**Salute to the Flag**

**Invocation . . . . . Dr. Stanley S. McKee**

**Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Dr. C. Wayne Love**

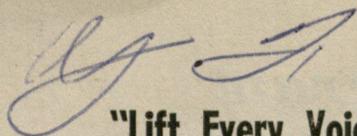
**Address . . . . . Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**  
President Montgomery Improvement Association

**"Benefit Offering" . . . . .**

**Dr. C. H. Hampton, Dr. S. H. Marion,  
H. W. Ragsdale, Dr. C. Johnson**

**Benediction . . . . . Rev. S. M. Lockridge**

*(The "Offering" given will be used to assist the Montgomery Improvement Association in the restoration of "BOMBED CHURCHES")*



## "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmony of Liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as a rolling sea. Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years—God of our silent tears Thou who has brought us thus far on the way, Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light keep us forever in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places our God where we met Thee, Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

Elijah Jackson—Director

Gwendolyn Gordon—Pianist

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